

See Also: Small, Charles (Charleston, SC)

Otis, Charles

1924

[67 Pearl St.]

COPY

April 2, 1924.

Mr. R. S. Small,  
President, Bank of Charleston,  
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Small:

When I was first in your bank (March 22nd) I was shown by Mr. Eisenmann the seventy-nine year old eight dollar bill that you had recently redeemed. In the AMERICAN BANKER of March 31st, page 21, was published an account of it, which you may have seen.

In Washington I met Mr. Howland Wood and came back on the train to New York with him. He is the curator of the American Numismatic Society, which has the largest collection of coins and paper money in the world. He had been in Washington at the invitation of government officials, discussing the collection of coins recently removed from the Philadelphia mint to Washington. He also had been in Baltimore, the guest of Mr. Waldo Newcomer looking at his coin collection.

I told Mr. Wood about your bill and he suggested if you would spare any of this old redeemed money, possibly the seven dollar bill which you redeemed in 1904 and the eight dollar bill, or any other currency of odd amounts, that you might like to have it become a part of the collection of the Numismatic Society in New York, either by loan or gift, where it would have the best of care and protection in the Society's own fireproof building.

You may remember me, as the publisher of the AMERICAN BANKER and THE BOND BUYER, for whom you so kindly on March 24th cashed a \$39 check.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) CHARLES OTIS.

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*E. H. Pringle, Chairman*  
*R. S. Small, President.*  
*A. R. LaCoste, Vice President.*



STATE BANK CHARTER.  
1834.

*G. W. Walker, Cashier.*  
*J. H. Lucas, Asst. Cashier.*  
*C. N. Fishburne, Asst. Cashier.*

NAT'L. BANK CHARTER.  
1872.

# *Bank of Charleston*

*National Banking Association.*

*Charleston, S.C.*

April 8, 1924.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

At the request of Mr. Charles Otis  
we are enclosing herewith two bills, redeemed cur-  
rency, which we understand you would like to become  
a part of your collection of the Numismatic Society.

Trusting that this will prove of in-  
terest to you,

Yours very truly,

*R. S. Small*  
President

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67 Pearl Street,  
New York.

April 11, 1924.

Mr. Howland Wood,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway & 156th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Howland:

I wrote to Mr. R. S. Small, President of  
the Bank of Charleston, Charleston, S. C., concerning  
our talk on the train regarding the very old money his  
bank recently redeemed and he replies:

"We appreciate very much your favor  
of April 2nd referring to the old currency  
paid recently by us and to the interest which  
Mr. Howland Wood evidenced in the same.

"We shall be glad to endeavor to secure  
for Mr. Wood and will forward him some old  
bills which we trust you will find interest-  
ing."

When these arrive please let me know and I  
will come up to see them.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles Olin.*

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Copy to:

Mr. R. S. Small,  
President, Bank of Charleston,  
Charleston, S. C.



April 12th, 1924

Charles Otis, Esq.  
67 Pearl Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Otis:

Many thanks for writing to Mr. Small with regard to the Charlestown bank notes. When I hear from him, I shall be glad to let you know.

I enjoyed seeing you on the trip back from Washington.

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 15th, 1924

Charles Otis, Esq.  
67 Pearl Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Otis:

We received today from Mr. R. S. Small, President of the Bank of Charleston, two old bills - a Five Dollar and Ten Dollar bill which we are very glad to have, and I beg to thank you again for the trouble you took in the matter. We have written to Mr. Small, acknowledging his courtesy.

We shall be very glad to see you here any day that you can take the time to run up.

Very truly yours,

Curator



April 15th, 1924

R. S. Small, Esq., Pres.  
Bank of Charleston  
Charleston, S.C.

Dear Sir:

We beg to thank you very much indeed for the Five Dollar and Ten Dollar bill which you have so kindly sent as an addition to our Museum's Cabinet, at the instigation of Mr. Otis. We are very glad to have these and appreciate your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Curator



April 17th, 1924

Charles Otis, Esq.  
67 Pearl Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Otis:

The enclosed is probably a little  
fuller than you want for an account, but  
it is all interesting.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Enc.



April, 1924

The American Numismatic Society has recently received from Mr. R. S. Small, President of the Bank of Charleston, S.C., two of the old bank notes issued by that bank in 1858. These old pieces of paper money are particularly interesting, and are printed in red and black on the one side only, as was the custom at that time. These notes were engraved by Draper, Toppan, Longacre & Co., of Philadelphia, and are on thin bond paper of considerable toughness.

The Ten Dollar note is numbered 28, and is made payable to H. W. Connor or bearer, and is dated 23 June, 1858, signed by the President and the Cashier. The Five-dollar note is numbered 35 and made payable to Ker Boyce or bearer, dated 12 March, 1858.

Both of these notes were redeemed and cancelled by the Bank of Charleston on April 7, 1924, sixty-six years after they were issued.